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DEPT PASS DOT FOR ALLEN TPI-42

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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: US RAIL
DELEGATION (05.03)

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. EMBASSY RECEIVED REPLY DATED
JULY 17 FROM MALASHKO TO DOT RAMUNDO, ORIGINAL BEING
POUCHED TO DOT FOR ALLEN. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION
FOLLOWS.

2. DEAR MR. RAMUNDO:

REGARDING YOUR TELEGRAM OF JULY 5, 1978, I WOULD LIKE
TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING. I FULLY SUPPORT YOUR
EVALUATION OF OUR COOPERATION AS HAVING BEEN DISTING-
UISHED BY ITS BUSINESSLIKE AND FORTHCOMING NATURE,
AND THIS IS CONFIRMED BY THE OPINIONS OF THE TWO
AMERICAN DELEGATIONS WHICH VISITED THE USSR IN JUNE
AND JULY OF THIS YEAR.

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THE VISIT OF THE DELEGATION HEADED BY MR. STANTON
PROCEEDED ACCORDING TO THE PROGRAM DISCUSSED AND AGREED
UPON WITH THE US DELEGATION.

OUR EXPLANATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VOROSHILOV-
GRAD FACTORY BY THE BRYANSK FACTORY WAS ACCEPTED BY
THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WITH OUR SINCERE

REGRETS THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO BRING THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE VOROSHILOVGRAD FACTORY. THE DELEGATION WAS SHOWN THE 4000 H.P. TEP-60 LOCOMOTIVE. THE 6000 HP TEP-75 LOCOMOTIVE WAS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND NOT EXACTLY SET UP FOR DEMONSTRATION. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THIS LOCOMOTIVE WAS PRESENTED AT THE RAILWAY TRANSPORT 1977 EXHIBIT IN THE USSR IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. AFTER THIS IT UNDERWENT DYNAMIC AND DURABILITY TESTING AND WAS RETURNED TO THE FACTORY WHERE IT WAS DISASSEMBLED FOR MICROMETRONIC MEASUREMENTS.

THE US DELEGATION WAS INFORMED OF THIS AND EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION REGARDING TEP-75 AND DID NOT EXPRESS ANY OBJECTIONS.

THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WAS SHOWN ALL DIFFERENT HORSEPOWER ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES DURING ITS VISIT TO THE NOVOCHERKASSKIY FACTORY.

PERMIT ME ALSO TO REMARK THAT THERE WAS NO MENTION AT ALL OF A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SCALE MODEL MAGNETIC SUSPENSION SYSTEM WHEN THE PROGRAM FOR THE DELEGATION HEADED BY DR. STANTON WAS DISCUSSED. NOR WAS THIS MENTIONED IN THE PROTOCOL OF THE PREVIOUS DELEGATION TO WHICH YOU REFER. WE WOULD, FIRST OF ALL, WILLINGLY SHOW SUCH A MODEL, IF IT EXISTED, TO THE US DELEGATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE. BUT THE POINT IS THAT SUCH A MODEL DOES NOT PHYSICALLY EXIST AND WE CAN ONLY EXPLAIN ITS BEING MENTIONED AS AN UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE IN THE TRANSLATION DURING THE DISCUSSION AMONG INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN DELEGATIONS. AT THE JOINT SESSIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORTATION OF THE FUTURE THIS QUESTION DID NOT COME UP AND, AS YOU MENTIONED IN THE PROTOCOL.

IN ANY CASE, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WILL ACQUAINT THE NEXT US DELEGATION ON TRANSPORT OF THE FUTURE WITH WHATEVER NEW WE HAVE DEVELOPED IN THIS AREA.

I THANK YOU FOR HAVING COME TO ME WITH THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE, AND THUS ENABLING ME TO EXPLAIN THEM IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR COOPERATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

LET ME ONCE AGAIN EXPRESS MY CONFIDENCE IN THE MUTUAL VALUE OF OUR COOPERATION AND ITS SUCCESSFUL CONTINUATION.

WITH BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, LEONID MALASHKO.

3. DURING MEETING AT SCST JULY 28 (REPORTED SEPTTEL)
AYKAZYAN REPEATED TO EMBOFFS THE POINTS MADE IN
MALASHKO'S LETTER THAT THERE WAS A "MISUNDERSTANDING" ON
US RAIL DELEGATION VISIT, ADDING THAT SOVIETS HAVE
NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO US VIEWING NEW SOVIET
LOCOMOTIVE, AND WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE FUTURE VISIT BY
US DEL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE - LEGALISTIC
SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT US DEL VISIT WAS "ACCORDING TO
PROGRAM" HARDLY SQUARES WITH MALASHKO'S ASSURANCES
OF SOVIET DESIRE TO BE FORTHCOMING. END COMMENT.
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